

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Annual Assessment of the Status of
Competition in the Market for the
Delivery of Video Programming

MB Docket No. 12-203

**COMMENTS OF
Billerica Access Television, Inc**

Billerica Access Television, Inc. (BATV) submits these comments in response to the above captioned Notice of Inquiry (“NOI”), released July 20, 2012, seeking “data, information, and comment of the state of competition in the delivery of video programming.”

Billerica Access Television, Inc. is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that manages all matters of operation for the community media center for the Town of Billerica, MA. BATV, incorporated in 1987, provides vast and varied media, cultural and educational services and support to the Billerica community.

BATV cablecasts citizen sponsored programming on PEG Access Channels on Comcast and Verizon cable systems. Comcast provides channels 8 (public), 22 (educational) and 99 (government), while Verizon provides channels 31 (public), 24 (education) and 26 (government) for cablecast purposes. The PEG channels are located on the lowest tier of cable available to subscribers. BATV’s programming schedule is available on BATV’s website and published in the local newspaper.

As Billerica’s Public, Educational and Government (PEG) Access Center, BATV has become interwoven into the very fabric of the Billerica community. Whether it is citizens offering their point of view, children participating in after-school enrichment programs or video clubs, elected officials at a government meeting, a local church service, sporting events, or use of the community bulletin board by hundreds of non-profit organizations annually, not a day goes by that BATV does not touch the lives of Billerica in a positive way.

BATV remains a reliable clearing house for information for the Billerica community. From its humble beginnings to its current state, BATV has grown in leaps and bounds. BATV continues to provide space and tools to help the community adapt to the ever-changing technological interfaces of cable, TV, and web platforms. BATV’s extensive resources provide

opportunities for communication between citizen media creators, community collaborations, current day learning, team building and personal growth.

The BATV community appreciates your support and looks to your guidance and direction to ensure that media centers and PEG television continue to grow and prosper, in turn, providing all citizens of the United States of America representation by unfettered speech.

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